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For: "MOLDED HIGH IMPEDANCE SURFACE ) Our Ref: B-4046DIV 621280-9  
AND A METHOD OF MAKING SAME" ) Date: October 11, 2004

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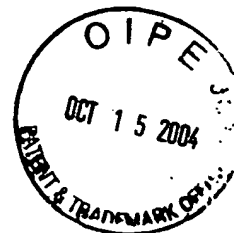


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